IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshiteru HATTORI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2852

Application No.: 10/658,290

Examiner:

S. Chen

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For:

ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE FOR IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUAYLE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the October 8, 2004 Quayle Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Drawings include an attached replacement sheet; and Remarks.